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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 1 September 2004, which takes stock of the broad and substantive cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union over the past two years,[1]

Noting with appreciation the resolutions adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and circulated in the General Assembly and the activities undertaken by the organization over the past two years in support of the United Nations,

Welcoming the annual parliamentary hearings at the United Nations as a regular and meaningful feature of the programme of events held at United Nations Headquarters on the occasion of the sessions of the General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the cooperation agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union of 1996,[2] which laid the foundation for cooperation between the two organizations,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] in which heads of State and Government resolved to strengthen further cooperation between the United Nations and national parliaments through their world organization, the Inter-

[1] A/59/303, part Five.
[2] A/51/402, annex.
[3] Resolution 55/20.

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Parliamentary Union, in various fields, including peace and security, economic and social development, international law and human rights, and democracy and gender issues,

Also recalling its resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, in which the Inter-Parliamentary Union was invited to participate in the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer,

Taking note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations[4] in regard to engaging parliamentarians more systematically in the work of the United Nations,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Inter-Parliamentary Union to provide for a greater parliamentary contribution and enhanced support to the United Nations;

2. *Calls* for the cooperation between the two organizations to be further developed and strengthened;

3. *Endorses* the decision to convene the second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments at United Nations Headquarters in September 2005, as a joint meeting of the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, both as a follow-up to the first such conference, held in New York in 2000 in conjunction with the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations, and as a significant opportunity to reflect further on ways to enhance the parliamentary dimension of international cooperation;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to consult parliaments on the recommendations made by the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations in regard to engaging parliamentarians more systematically in the work of the United Nations and looks forward to learning of the outcome of this process at the sixtieth session of the General Assembly as an essential contribution to the deliberations of the Assembly prior to taking a final decision on the recommendations of the Panel in regard to parliamentarians;

5. *Also welcomes* the intention of the secretaries-general of the two organizations to review the cooperation agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union[2] in the light of the recent decisions taken by the General Assembly regarding the participation of the Union in its work and the growing level of cooperation between the two organizations, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results of this process to the Assembly at its sixtieth session;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to continue to cooperate closely in various fields, in particular peace and security, economic and social development, international law, human rights, and democracy and gender issues, bearing in mind the significant benefits of cooperation between the two organizations, to which the report of the Secretary-General[1] attests;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union".

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[4] A/58/817 and Corr.1.